

RESPONSE

Claims 1-40 were pending. Claims 1-19, 22, and 37 were withdrawn subject to a restriction requirement; claims 20, 21, 25, and 27-36 were allowed; claims 23 and 38-40 were rejected; and claims 24 and 26 were objected to. Applicants have canceled claims 23-24, 26, and 38-40. Accordingly, allowed claims 20, 21, 25, and 27-36 are the only claims presently pending in the application.

In view of the following response, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejections made in the Office Action.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation that the Examiner has withdrawn the rejection of claims 20-21, 23-28, and 35 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

The Examiner has objected to claims 26 and 39 under 37 CFR §1.75(c) as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Applicants have canceled claims 26 and 39. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to claims 26 and 39 under 37 CFR §1.75(c) should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has objected to claim 24 under 37 CFR §1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 28. Applicants have canceled claim 24. Accordingly, the Examiner's objection to claim 24 under 37 CFR §1.75 should be withdrawn.

The Examiner has rejected claims 23 and 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by US 4,797,202 (Klimpel et al.) Applicants have canceled claims 23 and 38-40. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of these canceled claims in a subsequent application. Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 23 and 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Klimpel et al. should be withdrawn.

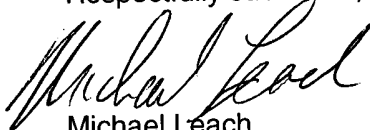
The Examiner has rejected claims 23 and 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over JP 2001-107083 (Kao Corp). Applicants have canceled claims 23 and 38-40. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the subject matter of these canceled claims in a subsequent application.

Accordingly, the Examiner's rejection of claims 23 and 38-40 as being anticipated by or obvious over Kao Corp. should be withdrawn.

The Examiner states that claims 20-21, 25, 27-35 and 36 are allowed. The Examiner states that the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest the compounds set forth in claim 36 and the prior art does not disclose or fairly suggest the aqueous compositions directed to aqueous acid gas scrubbing compositions employing EDA/4BGE. The Examiner notes that claim 20 defines compositions employing compounds having each R defined as $-\text{CH}_2\text{CHOHCH}_2\text{OR}'$, wherein R' is an alkyl group having 1-20 carbon atoms.

In view of the foregoing Amendment and Response, applicants request reconsideration and allowance of the claims pending in this application. Applicants request the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney should the Examiner have any questions or comments, which might be most expeditiously handled by a telephone conference. No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Amendment and Response. If any fee is required, however, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-0493.

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